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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Dawn Garrett

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 August 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 5 and 9 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-8 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 August 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2-25-04.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is responsive to the responses filed by applicant on June 6, 2006 and August 31, 2006. The claim amendment filed August 31, 2006 has been entered. Claim 3 has been amended. Claims 1-10 are present in the application.

Applicant has elected the following species:

Formula I wherein Z is oxygen and R is alkyl and formula III wherein Ar is an aryl group having 6-60 carbon atoms and L is a direct bond between Formula I and Ar. Applicant's election of a polymer species of formula I wherein there is an alkyl group attached to the carbon between a nitrogen and oxygen of a heteraromatic ring has been found allowable. As the next species under consideration, the examiner has selected the following:

Formula I wherein Z is oxygen and R is aryl and in Formula III, Ar is an aryl group having 6 to 60 carbon atoms and L is a direct bond between Formula I and Ar. Claims 1-4, 6-8, and 10 read upon the elected species. Claims 5 and 9 are withdrawn as non-elected claims.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 3, "repeating unit of formula (II)" should be changed to "repeating unit of formula (III)". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as

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the invention. It is not seen how R may be bound to Q without being also bound to either the nitrogen or the oxygen of the ring. Clarification is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-4, 6, 7 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Peng et al., Chemtech, 29(5), p. 41-46, 1999. Peng et al. discloses polymers reading upon the elected species. See polymer at the bottom of page 44. The phenylene group on the far right side of the polymer formula at the bottom of page 44 is deemed to read upon a substituted arylene group with regard to claim 4. The structure of the devices comprises the following layers: ITO (anode) / polymer / Al (cathode) (see Figure 2).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peng et al., Chemtech, 29(5), p. 41-46, 1999 in view of Park et al. (US 2004/0108807). Peng et al. is relied upon as set forth above for the rejection of claim 1, upon which claim 8 depends. Peng et al. discloses devices using a PPV-type derivative polymer as the light emitting layer (see entire

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article), but fails to teach the polymer light emitting layer is further doped with another light emitting material. Park teaches, in analogous art, light emitting layers formed of polymeric materials. Park further teaches including dopants in the light emitting layer to enhance the luminance and the endurance of the organic EL device (see par. 68, especially top of second column 10th to 14th lines). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have formed a device according to Peng et al. and to have included a dopant in the polymeric light emitting layer, because one would expect that the use of a dopant as taught by Park would be similarly useful and applicable to the device taught by Peng in providing luminance and endurance benefits to the device.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dawn Garrett whose telephone number is (571) 272-1523. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached at (571) 272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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